

REMARKS

Allowance

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of Claims 21-24, 76, 77, 85-90, 93, 94, 97 and 98.

Interview

Applicants also appreciate the Examiner's time and efforts during the interview of November 20, 2008.

Applicants have the following response to the Examiner's only remaining rejection in this application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §103

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects Claims 91, 92, 95, 96, 99 and 100 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sakamoto (JP 9-160509) in view of Yokomizu (JP 10-073813), Nagayama et al. (U.S. 5,680,187), Kanemoto et al. (U.S. 5,493,429) and Yoneya et al. (U.S. 6,300,926). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

While Applicants traverse this rejection, in order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants are amending independent Claims 91 and 92. These amendments are supported by Figs. 15 and 16 of the present application.

It is respectfully submitted that none of the cited references, either individually or in combination, disclose or suggest the device of amended independent Claims 91 and 92. For example, Claims 91 and 92 recite the features of "a second insulating film over said

semiconductor layer, the source region, the drain region and the second wiring, wherein the second insulating film is in contact with the channel formation region.” Neither Sakmoto nor any of the other cited references disclose or suggest these features.

Therefore, independent Claims 91 and 92 are not disclosed or suggested by the cited references, and Claims 91, 92 and those claims dependent thereon are patentable over these references. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and should be allowed.

If any further fee should be due for this amendment and/or the extension of time, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

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